



IOM Emergency Relief Assistance to the Asia Emergency

INFORMATION UPDATE - 18-19 January 2005

INDONESIA

Transportation of aid

IOM Overland truck convoys

Jakarta-Banda Aceh

Medan-Banda Aceh

Medan-Meulaboh

Medan-Lhokseumawe-Bireun

Medan-Nias



IDP volunteers load relief supplies onto a truck in the IOM compound in Banda Aceh for distribution to camps within the city. © Jonathan Perugia / IOM / OnAsia 2005.



■ A total of 18 IOM trucks carrying relief goods from Jakarta to Banda Aceh left on the early morning of 19 January 2005. The journey usually takes three days, however very difficult road conditions exacerbated by poor weather and extensive flooding will take slightly longer.

■ The total number of IOMs truck fleet operating between Jakarta-Medan-Banda Aceh and Medan-Meulaboh currently stand at 262. Of that number 110 trucks are operating in and around Banda Aceh distributing relief items for IOM, UN agencies, donors, international and national NGOs as well as the Indonesian Government.

■ Since the first deployment of trucks on 30 December 2004, IOM has moved and distributed some 3510 MT of relief items from Medan to Aceh Province. Of that total, IOM has transported 430 MT of relief goods to Meulaboh in convoys which began operating on 8 January. IOM relief good delivery routes also include Medan-Biruen, Medan-Nias and Medan-Lhokseumawe.

■ As requests to IOM for transportation of relief goods continue to increase, IOM is expanding the frequency of the convoys. IOM is making plans to provide daily relief good convoys from Jakarta to Banda Aceh starting the week of 24 January.

■ To date, IOM has transported relief goods for the following international and national donors, International Committee of the Red Cross, UN agencies, international governmental organizations, national and national NGOs, and foreign military:

PARTNERING

JICA, USAID, AUSAID, Government of China, UNHCR, UNFPA, WFP, UN OCHA, UNDP, ICRC, Oxfam-GB, Mercy Corps, Netherlands Red Cross, SHA, Pakistan Armed Forces, Portuguese Civil Protection, MSF-Belgium, MSF-Holland, MSF-France, Save the Children-UK, CARE, Norwegian Church Aid, International Medical Corps (IMC), Indonesia, Swiss Humanitarian Aid (SHA), Indonesian Vice President, Peace Winds Japan, Japan Platform, the US Embassy in Jakarta, DAI / USAID and the Ministry of National Education (DEPDIKNAS), Project HOPE, Uplift International, Ikatan Dokter Indonesia (IDI), Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) and Jasa Marga.

Local NGOs include: Pelita Kasih, Nurani Dunia, Aceh Kita, International Relief and Development (IRD), IDEP.

CIVIL MILITARY COOPERATION

IOM-Japanese Defense Force

Following the arrival of the advance team of the Japanese Defense Force, IOM has been requested by the Government of Japan to provide transportation assistance for the JSDF to facilitate the establishment of their camp and medical facility. On 18 January, IOM transported 20 truck loads of gravel for the grounds of the camp. The official opening of the camp will take place on 19 January at 8:00 am.

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SHELTER

IDP survey exercise:

✦ IOM has committed itself to participate in the expansion of the Muhammadiyah /OXFAM rapid assessment of the current preferences Internally Displaced persons (IDPs) have for settlement, reconstruction and recovery following the Tsunami disaster. IOM teams will assist Muhammadiyah and Oxfam to enlarge the pool of persons being surveyed in order to strengthen the scope and value of the exercise.

✦ IOM existing field monitors have been activated and additional monitors will be hired to conduct surveys in Aceh Utara, Pidie, Lhokseumawe and Bireun.

IOM Shelter Project:

✦ After having received a formal request from the Indonesian Government (BAKORNAS) to assist them with the construction of temporary shelter, IOM has committed to this request with immediate effect.

✦ IOM has started transferring appropriate building materials and stockpiling them in Banda Aceh to be available when construction activities begin.

✦ A technical team is currently active in Banda Aceh reviewing shelter sites and preparing for groundbreaking activities.

✦ IOM is an active member of the UN/NGO shelter sub-committee to ensure the cooperation of collective efforts towards meeting the needs of the most vulnerable.

MEDICAL

■ IOM nurses in coordination with the Muhammadiyah and the Irish NGO GOAL have set up mobile vaccination clinics in crowded Aceh camps to immunize over 100 children a day against measles.

■ The mobile clinics in the Samahani and Posko Pulo Aceh camps were launched in coordination with the WHO and UNICEF following reports of two children falling ill with the highly contagious disease.

■ An IOM doctor and nurse also provided measles vaccinations for children between 6 months and 15 in Calang, while undertaking a rapid medical assessment of the devastated west coast town on Saturday. UNICEF and the Indonesian government plan to immunize some 576,000 children in Aceh and neighbouring North Sumatra in the coming weeks.

■ The launch of the vaccination campaign follows a tail-off in activity for the IOM medical team running the IOM/USAID triage tent for incoming wounded at Banda Aceh's Sultan Iskandar Muda Airbase.

■ While US navy helicopters now bring fewer patients from the west coast, IOM doctors continue to monitor some 40 of the 60 patients in Banda Aceh's Farkina hospital, referred there by the air-base triage system.



IOM nurse Rose Marie Baguios injects a young boy in an IDP camp near Banda Aceh as part of an IOM immunization programme against measles throughout Aceh province. IOM 2005.

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